GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4937
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DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO DIPLOMATS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan denied consular access to Indian diplomats to ascertain the welfare of 1 crew members of Indian Cargo Vessel `Jan Kalyan` who were rescued by Pakistan on June 30, 2000;

(b) if so, the fate of the crew members as on date; and

(c) the measures taken for their repatriation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTENAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) - (c) Eleven members of the crew of Indian cargo vessel`Jan Kalyan`were rescued in the Arabian Sea by a Pakistani fishing vessel on June 30, 2000. After our repeated demarches, Pakistan belatedly provided consular access on September 12, 2000 to these crew members, who were thereafter repatriated to India on September 13, 2000.